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SUBJECT: ANTI-NUCLEAR ORGANIZATION CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
EXPLOSION

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1. AN ORGANIZATION OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ABLAST WHICH OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER
MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY AT THE GOTEBORG MUNICIPAL COURT, CAUSING
EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, THE
MAIN GOTEBORG AFTERNOON PAPER, THE GOTEBORGS-TIDNINGEN, AS
WELL AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTER PARTY, RECEIVED
IDENTICAL HAND-PRINTED LETTERS FROM AN ORGANIZATION CALLING
ITSELF THE "RESISTANCE MOVEMENT", CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE BOMBING AND THREATENING FURTHER BOMBINGS IF ITS DEMANDS
ARE NOT MET. THE LETTER STATED THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S GOAL
IS TO "CRUSH THE NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY", AND EXPRESSED ITS
OPPOSITION TO "ALL OTHER RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
DESTRUCTION."

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2. THE LETTER, SIGNED ONLY BY THE INITIAL "M", DEMANDED THAT
THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER BE PUBLISHED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS AND
READ OVER BOTH SWEDISH TELEVISION CHANNELS. OTHERWISE, IT
STATED, ONE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WOULD BE SET OFF EVERY DAY IN
THE CENTER OF GOTEBORG. THE TWO GOTEBORG DAILIES, THE
GOTEBORGS-TIDNINGEN AND THE GOTEBORGS-POSTEN, COMPLIED WITH
THE DEMAND AND PUBLISHED THE LETTER IN FULL TO-DAY, BUT

SWEDISH RADIO HAS DECLINED, ON THE GROUNDS OF PRINCIPLE, TO READ THE FULL TEXT. SO FAR AT LEAST, THE STOCKHOLM PAPERS HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE DEMAND.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS ARE TAKING THE THREATS SERIOUSLY, AND ARE INCREASING SECURITY MEASURES AT VARIOUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS. POLICE THEORIZE THAT THE FIVE KILOS OF DYNAMITE USED IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT BOMBING -- WHICH ALSO CAUSED SERIOUS DAMANGE TO AN ADJACENT CHURCH -- WERE PART OF SOME 450 KILOS OF DYNAMITE STOLEN IN LATE 1976 FROM A CONSTRUCTION SITE NEAR GOTEBORG. THEY ALSO LINK THE BOMBING TO THREE EARLIER OCCASIONS WHEN BOMBS WERE PLANTED, BUT NOT DETONATED, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, INCLUDING ONE BOMB OF 21 KILOS LEFT AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MODERATE PARTY IN APRIL 1977. (REFTEL).

4. WHAT IS NOT CLEAR IS WHETHER THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT REPRESENTS A REAL ORGANIZATION OR SIMPLY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL ON THE LUNATIC FRINGE OF THE ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT. ALTHOUGH THE LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO THE SWEDISH PARTY MOST STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER, THE CENTER PARTY, THAT PARTY HAS BEEN QUICK TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM SUCH TACTICS, WHICH A PARTY SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED AS A "THREAT TO DEMOCRACY" AND UNDERMINING OF THE ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT. IN VIEW OF THE STRONG SWEDISH TRADITION AGAINST POLITICAL VIOLENCE, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE BOMBING WAS THE WORK

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OF MORE THAN A FEW INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE THE MAIN STREAM OF SWEDISH POLITICAL LIFE.

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